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SUBJECT: BRITISH MILITARY AID TO KENYA; GOS CONSIDERING OFFER MEDIATI
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1 FOR THE RECORD, BRITISH CHARGE HERE STATES HE WAS UNABLE TO
OBTAIN GOS OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCE FOR BRITISH MILITARY AID TO KENYA.
FONOFF U/SEC MIRGHANI REPORTEDLY TOLD CHARGE JULY 18 THAT GOS
HAS FIRM POLICY OF REFUSING GRANT OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCE IN ALL
CASES WHERE ARMS ARE FOR NEIGHBORING AFRICAN COUNTRY
WHICH HAS ACTIVE DISPUTE WITH ANOTHER NEIGHBORING AFRICAN
STATE. MIRGHANI NOTED THIS DOCTRINE HAD BEEN USED TO DENY
USG OVERFLIGHT PRIVILEGES IN CASE OF ARMS RESUPPLY TO
ETHIOPIAN REGIME.

2. MIRGHANI EVIDENTLY TOLD CHARGE THAT FONOFF HAD BEEN
CONSIDERING RECOMMENDING TO NIMEIRI THAT SUDAN OFFER
ITS GOOD OFFICES IN KENYA/UGANDA DISPUTE. CHARGE
SOUTH TO DISCOURAGE THIS INITIATIVE.
WHEN AMBASSADOR SAW MIRGHANI JULY 20 LATTER SPECIFICALLY
ASKED RE OUR ASSESSMENT KENYA/UGANDA TENSION. HE WAS
TOLD THAT WORST SEEMED TO BE OVER. BREWER

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